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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL BOARD
REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TENNESSEE
CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 49-2-201 AND AS SET FORTH BY
ORDINANCE NO. 403 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A
SINGLE COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL BOARD WITH DISTRICTS OF
SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL POPULATION THAT COMPRISES ALL
AREAS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SPONSORED
BY COMMISSIONER WALTER BAILEY, JR.**

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-2-201 requires that county boards of education be elected by the people; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-2-201 further provides that members of county boards of education shall be residents of and elected from districts of substantially equal populations established by resolution of the local legislative body; and

WHEREAS, Population shifts have altered the composition of certain school board districts so that they are no longer each of a substantially equal population; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-2-502 a referendum is set for March 8, 2011, to transfer administration of the schools within the Memphis City School District to the Shelby County School Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Shelby County, Tennessee, did by Resolutions of March 9, 1998, January 24, 2000, March 13, 2000, April 25, 2002 and April 4, 2004 either adopt or amend plans to redistrict Shelby County Schools' seven single-member districts; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to amend the most current school redistricting plan that was approved on April 4, 2004 to accurately reflect the number of Shelby County School Board members set forth by Ordinance No. 403.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That a revised school board redistricting plan, as per Exhibit 'A' and Exhibit 'B', attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted and replaces all previously adopted school redistricting plans approved by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each district shall be composed of the areas encompassed by the wards and precincts of the County of Shelby as designated per the attached Exhibit 'A', and embodied in a map attached as Exhibit 'B'.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Shelby County Board of Commissioners will appoint Interim Unified School Board members to serve school board district areas previously held by the Memphis City Schools Board per Resolution adopted by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners on February 14, 2011, keeping the seven existing Shelby County School Board members in tact until their next appointed election date **as defined in Exhibit ‘A’**, also redefining seven school board districts to comprise areas of Shelby County that are outside of the City of Memphis limits **as embodied in a map and attached as Exhibit ‘B’**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Election Commission is hereby directed to hold an election to fill the positions of all members of the Shelby County Board of Education, as established under this plan **based on general election dates for each school board member position as defined in Exhibit ‘A’**, to be filled by popular vote in the respective Shelby County School Board district at the regular County General Election for Shelby County, Tennessee, to be held in August of 2014 or August of 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Commission is hereby directed to transmit to the Shelby County Clerk an attested copy of the **adopted redistricting map, attached hereto as Exhibit ‘B’**, so that the said County Clerk may keep a permanent copy of the districting map that clearly shows the boundaries of the newly expanded Shelby County School Board districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Commission shall forward to the Secretary of State, State of Tennessee, an attested copy of this resolution, **including Exhibits ‘A’ and ‘B’**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Commission shall forward an attested copy of this resolution, **including Exhibits ‘A’ and ‘B’**, to the Shelby County Election Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, § 2.06(B) sixteen days after Ordinance No. 403 is adopted by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., County
Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____

**NOTE REGARDING YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS
RESOLUTION:**

School Redistricting Plans will be presented in the Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee and Education Committee on February 23, 2011. Upon approval of a redistricting map and school board district variables being defined, exhibits A and B will accompany this resolution.